

**CHAPTER 534**

**(Senate Bill 736)**

AN ACT concerning

**Criminal Procedure - Process Against Limited Liability Companies -  
Summons, Service, and Execution**

FOR the purpose of authorizing a clerk of court, if a charging document is filed against a certain limited liability company, to issue a summons to the limited liability company in the company name to appear at court to answer the charging document; establishing that, if a sheriff or other officer returns a certain summons in a certain manner, the limited liability company to whom the summons was issued shall be considered as in court and as appearing to the charging document; requiring the court to order the clerk to enter a certain appearance by a certain limited liability company under certain circumstances; establishing that, after the clerk makes a certain entry and endorsement, further proceedings may occur concerning the charging document in the same manner as if a certain limited liability company had appeared and pleaded not guilty; authorizing a court to pass a judgment concerning a certain charging document against a certain limited liability company under certain circumstances; authorizing a court to issue process of execution to a certain sheriff against the property of a certain limited liability company for a certain amount in the same manner as on a judgment in a civil action; authorizing a sheriff to sell the property of a certain limited liability company in the same manner as on execution of a civil suit; defining a certain term; and generally relating to criminal process against certain limited liability companies.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Criminal Procedure

Section 4-203

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2001 Volume and 2005 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - Criminal Procedure**

4-203.

(a) (1) In this section[, "corporation"] THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "CORPORATION" includes a joint-stock company and an association.

(3) "LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY" INCLUDES A LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP AND A LIMITED LIABILITY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP.